

Providence Extension Program | Core E Rhetoric I  
Q4 W8 Weekly Assignment Guide (5/9, 5/11)

Q4 WOW: Word(s) Of the Week—quiz in Week 8!

**alacrity**

*noun* | (uh-LACK-ruh-tee)

**promptness in response**

Miss Bingley moved with *alacrity* to the piano-forte. (ch. 10)

**laconic**

*adjective* | (luh-CON-ick)

**using a minimum of words**

But their father, though very *laconic* in his expressions of pleasure, was really glad to see them. (ch. 12)

**petulance**

*noun* | (PEH-chew-lunce)

**the quality or state of being rude in speech or behavior**

Elizabeth is grateful that Darcy can forgive “all the *petulance* and acrimony of her manner of rejecting him” (253).

**acrimony**

*noun* | (A-kra-moe-nee)

**harsh or biting sharpness especially of words, manner, or feelings**

Elizabeth is grateful that Darcy can forgive “all the *petulance* and *acrimony* of her manner of rejecting him” (253).

**incredulity**

*noun* | (in-creh-DOO-luh-dee)

**disbelief**

“[I]t was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of *incredulity*” (7).

**requisition**

*noun* | (wreck-wuh-ZISH-un)

**the act of formally requiring or calling upon someone to perform an action**

“[T]he hangman, ever busy and ever worse than useless, was in constant *requisition*” (9).

**auspicious**

*adj* | (aus-PISH-us)

**favorable; advantageous**

That, he had been the prisoner’s friend, but, at once in an *auspicious* and an evil hour detecting his infamy. (ch. 3)

**pernicious**

*adj* | (per-NISH-us)

**subtly destructive or harmful**

The proof would go back five years, and would show the prisoner already engaged in these *pernicious* missions.

**incommodious**

*adjective* | (in-kuh-MODE-ee-us)

**uncomfortable; inconvenient**

Tellson’s bank is described as “very small, very dark, very ugly, very *incommodious*.” (Book the Second, ch. 1)

**obstinacy**

*noun* | (AHB-stun-uh-see)

**the state of stubborn**

Even the door at Tellson’s had an “idiotic *obstinacy*.” (Book the Second, ch. 1)

**incorrigible**

*adjective* | (in-CORE-uh-juh-bul)

**incapable of being reformed; irredeemable**

As to me—will you never understand that I am *incorrigible*?” (ch. 11)

**magnanimous**

*adjective* | (mag-NAN-uh-mus)

**benevolent; kind-hearted**

Mr. Striver having made up his mind to that *magnanimous* bestowal of good fortune upon the Doctor’s daughter” (ch. 12)

*Due Tuesday 5/9:*

- **Vocab Quiz (words above)**
  - **Discussion of last week's Senior Speeches**
  - **Read *Tale of Two Cities*, Book the Third chapters 5 – 10; be prepared for a quiz and discussion (including prior Book the Third chapters)**
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*Due Thursday 5/11:*

- **Read *Tale of Two Cities*, Book the Third chapters 11 – 15; be prepared for a quiz**
- **Final book discussion**

**Reminder: Final Exam is Tuesday, May 16 at 9 a.m. You may bring notes from Rhetoric. Bring something to write with.**